

Water Quality Control Commission,

18 people have signed a petition on Action Network telling you to Protect New Mexico's Water Resources.

Here is the petition they signed:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comment as part of the Triennial Review Docket No. WQCC 20-51(R).

I support the proposals by Communities for Clean Water (CCW) and the Gila Resources Information Project (GRIP) to provide more protections of New Mexico's waters.

Specifically, I urge the New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission (WQCC) to:

- adopt an adequate definition of climate change that identifies human activities as the major cause of climate change. See the CCW and GRIP proposed changes to definitions.
- state in the regulations that a purpose of the regulations is to address climate change.
- support the adoption of the CCW and GRIP proposed definition of "Emerging Contaminants."
- support adoption of language that clearly gives the NM Environment Department authority to require monitoring for Emerging Contaminants.
- support adding PFAS (perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances) to the definition of Emerging Contaminants.
- not limit the definition of Toxic Pollutants to the EPA list of toxic pollutants. New Mexico should not cede its authority to identify and regulate toxic pollutants.
- oppose the efforts of Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) to weaken the human health-organism only (HH-OO) criteria. In order to protect public health and New Mexico communities, ensure the fish we catch in rivers, streams, reservoirs, and lakes are kept safe to eat.
- not eliminate requirements to monitor for PFAS, a group of harmful 'forever' chemicals that have been detected at LANL, the Gila River and other surface waters throughout the state.
- not eliminate the requirement that LANL monitor for PCBs with sufficient accuracy to determine whether state standards are violated.

Thank you for your careful consideration of my comments.

You can view each petition signer and the comments they left you below.

Thank you,

**1. Norma Tapia** (*ZIP code: 96815*)

**2. Janet Wallet Ortiz** (*ZIP code: 88061*)

Protect and defend our precious water resources: do NOT NARROW the definition of climate change; today's climate change is human-caused; I support NMED's new definition of CECs, and I adamantly OPPOSE LANL'S attempt to weaken HH-00! come folks water is life!!! NMED needs to have the teeth and backing to protect our scarce NM waters!!!

**3. Carlene Roters** (*ZIP code: 88061*)

I oppose any amendments that would weaken existing surface water regulations. I urge you to strengthen our water quality protections.

**4. Diane LaFrance** (*ZIP code: 88061*)

In the future water will be more precious than gold. We need to take steps NOW to insure that there will be clean water available in NM for years to come.

**5. Carolbeth Elliott** (*ZIP code: 88061*)

Any weakening of environmental protections or refusal to acknowledge that WE are the basic problem is intolerable at this stage of the game.

**6. Frank Merritt** (*ZIP code: 88061*)

I oppose any amendment that will weaken existing water surface regulations. I urge stronger water quality protections be imposed.

**7. Margaret Hadderman** (*ZIP code: 88061*)

Everything humanly feasible should be done to STRENGTHEN water standard, not weaken them! Do not allow Los Alamos or mining interests to convert our precious water resources to toxic "produced water"! This is a no-brainer in our remaining small window to combat ravages of climate change and transition to CLEANER energies before it's TOO LATE!

**8. James Wightman** (*ZIP code: 88061*)

**9. Karen Nakakihara** (*ZIP code: 88061*)

**10. Lynn Hefe** (*ZIP code: 88061*)

**11. Minna Sellers** (*ZIP code: 88051*)

The proposal goes in the opposite direction from that taken by the majority of the nation. It is a national issue as well as a local issue. The State of New Mexico should not lag the nation by easing restrictions and review. With drought, which is not easing, it all the more important to protect a precious resource necessary to life itself. Economic interest are not paramount and should reflect the need for a new awareness of how drastic the climate situation is.

**12. Melissa Green** (*ZIP code: 88061*)

**13. Tammie Wheeler** (*ZIP code: 88022*)

**14. Jene Moseley** (*ZIP code: 88061*)

As a high desert state NM suffers frequent droughts and water shortages. Protecting, guarding and cautious water usage is essential for us to survive. It's not rocket science.

**15. Robert Fischhoff** (*ZIP code: 88062*)

**16. Sharon Horne** (*ZIP code: 03262*)

How can anything in NM be more valuable than water that is safe for human beings? More and more toxins are being identified in water. Safer, higher standards are needed ,not diminished levels of toxins!!!!

**17. Sandra Lucas** (*ZIP code: 88061*)

**18. Eleanor Wootten** (*ZIP code: 88038*)

Climate change is caused very much by humans and how we care for the planet. This includes all states along with NM, You have the ability to recognize this in your statements by saying it outright and you should. We need to strengthen the water laws not weaken them as proposed by the NM Mining Assoc. and Los Alamos Labs.

You need to support the requirement for CEC's and not let them be weakened. The definition should be included that clearly gives NMED the required authority for monitoring CEC's.

Pollutants in all waters need to be a safe levels for not polluting the fish.

Opposing limited monitoring for outdated EPA list of monitoring methods for purposes of permit compliance and enforcement is best., with an updated list. However, why is the government spend tax payer money to oppose our state efforts to protect the waters from harmful pollutants?